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Memorandum by the Secretary-General

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I. Introduction

1. The Secretary-General has the honour to place before the General Committee, for its consideration, the following observations and proposals in connection with the report to be made to the General Assembly by the General Committee regarding the organization of the fifty-seventh regular session and future sessions of the Assembly, the adoption of the agenda and the allocation of items.

2. Over the years, the General Assembly has adopted a number of provisions aimed at rationalizing the procedures and organization of the Assembly. These provisions are reproduced in the annexes to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly (A/520/Rev.15 and Amend.1 and 2, annexes I, II and IV-VIII).

3. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the provisions contained in annexes V, VI, VII and VIII to its rules of procedure, in particular to those provisions reproduced below under the relevant headings.

4. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to the following resolutions of the General Assembly, the provisions of which are reflected in the present document under the relevant sections:

(a) Annex I (Guidelines on the Rationalization of the Agenda of the General Assembly) to resolution 48/264 of 29 July 1994, entitled "Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly";

(b) The annex to resolution 51/241 of 31 July 1997, entitled "Strengthening of the United Nations system";

(c) Paragraph 1 of resolution 52/163 of 15 December 1997, entitled "Amendment to rule 103 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly";

(d) The annex to resolution 55/285 of 7 September 2001, entitled "Revitalization of the General Assembly: improving the efficiency of the General Assembly";

(e) Resolution 56/509 of 8 July 2002.

5. The Secretary-General also wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to his reports on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/264 (A/52/856) and of resolution 51/241 (A/52/855).

II. Organization of the session

A. General Committee

6. The Secretary-General wishes to draw to the attention of the General Committee rule 40 of the rules of procedure, as well as General Assembly decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.15, annex VI, paras. 1 and 2), Assembly resolutions 39/88 B (ibid., annex VII, para. 4), the annex to resolution 45/45 (A/520/Rev.15 and Amend.1, annex VIII, para. 3) and the annex to resolution 51/241 (paras. 17, 18 and 33-35) pertaining to the functions of the Committee.

7. The Secretary-General wishes also to draw the attention of the General Committee to paragraph 20 of the annex to resolution 55/285 of 7 September 2001, which reads as follows:

> "20. In order to enhance the capacity of the General Committee to assist the President of the General Assembly in the conduct of the business of the Assembly and to improve continuity between its different sessions, at the outset of each session, each Vice-President of the Assembly shall designate a liaison person for the duration of the session. This designation may be made informally, without any amendment to rule 39 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, by means of a letter to its President."

B. Rationalization of work

8. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to General Assembly resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, whereby the Assembly decided that the recommendations as agreed upon and as contained in the report of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations[1] should be implemented by the Secretary-General and the relevant organs and bodies of the United Nations.

9. In this connection, the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to the measures undertaken in pursuance of the goal of renewal and reform, in particular to recommendations 2, 3 and 7 of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts,[1] as reflected in the progress reports of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 41/213, entitled "Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations". The Secretary-General also wishes to draw the Committee's attention to Assembly resolution 48/264, entitled "Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly", and annex I thereto and to resolution 52/12 B of 19 December 1997, entitled "Renewing the United Nations: a programme for reform".

10. The Secretary-General also wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to paragraph 14 of the annex to resolution 55/285, which reads as follows:

> "14. As regards implementation of paragraph 7 of the annex to resolution 51/241, the President of the General Assembly, after consideration by the Assembly of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization, shall inform the Assembly of his assessment of the debate on the report in order for the Assembly to determine the need for further action."

11. The Secretary-General further wishes to recall paragraph 7 of the annex to resolution 55/285, in which the General Assembly decided that a joint debate should be held on the cooperation item, during which all or some aspects of cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations might be addressed.

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[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/41/49).

12. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to paragraph 5 of the annex to resolution 45/45 (A/520/Rev.15 and Amend.1, annex VIII), which reads as follows:

> "5. The General Committee should consider, at the beginning of each session of the General Assembly, recommending that certain Main Committees should meet in sequential order, taking into account such matters as the number of meetings required for the consideration of the questions with which they are charged at that session, the organization of the work of the whole session and the problem of participation of smaller delegations."

13. Furthermore, the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to the fact that measures introduced to reduce costs relating to overtime will be strictly enforced.

14. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraphs 30, 31 and 36 of the annex to resolution 51/241, which read as follows:

> "30. All Main Committees shall hold brief organizational sessions once the General Assembly has taken decisions on the agenda, before the commencement of the general debate. Bureaux of the Main Committees shall meet earlier to draw up recommendations on the organization and programme of work.
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> "31. The Main Committees shall meet in substantive session only after the end of the general debate.
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> "36. The First Committee and the Fourth Committee shall not meet simultaneously and may consider meeting in a sequential manner during the regular session of the General Assembly. This arrangement shall not apply if it affects their respective identities, programmes of work and effective consideration of their agendas".

15. The General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 52/163 of 15 December 1997, which reads as follows:

> "1. *Decides* to amend the first sentence of rule 103 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly to read: 'Each Main Committee shall elect a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur';".

C. Opening and closing dates of the session

16. In accordance with rule 1 of the rules of procedure, as amended by resolution 55/14 of 3 November 2000, the fifty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly shall begin on Tuesday, 10 September 2002.

17. In accordance with the provisions of rule 2 of its rules of procedure, the General Assembly should fix a closing date for the fifty-seventh session. Taking into account paragraph 4 of annex V to the rules of procedure, the General Committee should recommend that the Assembly recess on Tuesday, 10 December 2002. However, by paragraph 53 of its resolution 56/12 of 28 November 2001, the General

Assembly decided to devote two days of plenary meetings, on 9 and 10 December 2002, to the consideration of the item entitled "Oceans and the law of the sea" and the commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the opening for signature of the Convention on the Law of the Sea. Therefore, the General Committee may wish to recommend to the Assembly that the fifty-seventh session recess not later than Wednesday, 11 December 2002 and close on Monday, 8 September 2003. The Committee may also wish to recommend to the Assembly that, during the main part of the session, the First Committee complete its work by Friday, 1 November, the Sixth Committee by Thursday, 7 November, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) by Friday, 8 November, the Third Committee by Friday, 22 November, and the Second and Fifth Committees by Friday, 6 December 2002. (See also para. 26.)

18. In connection with the opening of the session, the General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the fact that the Assembly had observed the International Day of Peace on the day of the opening of the regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with resolutions 36/67 of 30 November 1981 and 52/232 of 4 June 1998. By resolution 55/282 of 7 September 2001, the Assembly decided that the International Day of Peace should henceforth be observed on 21 September each year.

D. Seating arrangements

19. In accordance with established practice, the Secretary-General has drawn lots for the purpose of choosing the Member State to occupy the first desk on the General Assembly floor from which the alphabetical seating order will begin. The name drawn was Lebanon. Consequently, the delegation of that country will sit at the first desk at the right of the President, and the other countries will follow in English alphabetical order. The same order will be observed in the Main Committees.

E. Schedule of meetings

20. The Secretary-General wishes to recall that in view of financial constraints, meetings at Headquarters are no longer serviced beyond 6 p.m. or on weekends, with the exception of the plenary of the General Assembly and the Security Council. Consequently, meetings of the Main Committees during the fifty-seventh session, including informal meetings, should start promptly at 10 a.m. and be adjourned by 6 p.m. during weekdays.

21. The General Committee may wish to recommend that, in order to preclude the late start of meetings, the General Assembly waive, in view of the practice at recent sessions, the requirement that at least one third of the members of the Assembly in the case of plenary meetings and one quarter of the members of a Main Committee in the case of Main Committee meetings be present in order to declare a meeting open and to permit the debate to proceed. This recommendation would be made on the understanding that such a waiver would not imply any permanent change in the provisions of rules 67 and 108 of the rules of procedure and that the requirement of the presence of a majority of the members for any decision to be taken would be maintained.

22. The General Committee may further wish to recommend to the General Assembly that delegations be reminded of the utmost importance of punctuality in the interest of ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations.

F. General debate

23. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the relevant provisions of the annex to resolution 51/241 (paras. 19, 20 (a) and (e) and 21), which read as follows:

> "19. There shall continue to be only one general debate each year, beginning in the third week of September.
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> "20. The preparation of the list of speakers for the general debate shall be based on the following principles:
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> "(a) The general debate shall be organized over a period of two weeks so as to maximize possibilities for interministerial contacts;
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> "(e) The list of speakers for each day shall be completed and no speakers will be rolled over to the next day, notwithstanding the implications for hours of work.
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> "21. There shall be no time limits or specified themes for the general debate but the General Assembly will indicate a voluntary guideline of up to twenty minutes for each statement."

24. In this connection, in accordance with decision 56/468 of 1 May 2002, the General Assembly shall:

> "... hold an eight-day general debate at its fifty-seventh session, from Thursday, 12 September, to Sunday, 15 September, and from Tuesday, 17 September, to Friday, 20 September 2002. The schedule of the plenary meetings during the general debate shall be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., with a voluntary time limit of up to 15 minutes for each statement, and these arrangements shall in no way create a precedent for the general debate at the fifty-eighth or other future sessions."

25. The General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the decision taken by the Assembly at previous sessions strongly discouraging the practice of expressing congratulations inside the General Assembly Hall after a speech has been delivered. In this connection, the Committee may wish to recommend to the Assembly that speakers in the general debate, after delivering their statements, leave the General Assembly Hall through room GA-200, located behind the podium, before returning to their seats.

G. Election of the President, the Vice-Presidents, the Chairmen of the Main Committees and other officers of the Main Committees of the General Assembly

26. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to rules 30, 31 and 99 (a) of its rules of procedure, which, as amended by resolution 56/509 of 8 July 2002, read as follows:

"*Elections*

"Rule 30

"Unless the General Assembly decides otherwise, the General Assembly shall elect a President and twenty-one Vice-Presidents at least three months before the opening of the session over which they are to preside. The President and the Vice-Presidents so elected will assume their functions only at the beginning of the session for which they are elected and shall hold office until the close of that session. The Vice-Presidents shall be elected after the election of the Chairmen of the six Main Committees referred to in rule 98, in such a way as to ensure the representative character of the General Committee";

"*Temporary President*

"Rule 31

"If, at the opening of a session of the General Assembly, the President for that session has not yet been elected, in accordance with rule 30 above, the President of the previous session, or the chairman of that delegation from which the President of the previous session was elected, shall preside until the Assembly has elected a President";

...

"*Organization of work*

"Rule 99

"(a) All the Main Committees shall, at least three months before the opening of the session, elect a Chairman. Elections of the other officers provided for in rule 103 shall be held at the latest by the end of the first week of the session."

H. Conduct of the meetings, length of statements, explanations of vote, rights of reply, points of order and concluding statements

27. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly, in the context of the conduct of the meetings and the length of statements, to rule 35 of the rules of procedure regarding the general powers of the President of the Assembly and to rules 68, 72 and 73 regarding the conduct of business of the plenary meetings. In this connection, the General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the Assembly to rules 99 (b), 106, 109, 114 and 115 of the rules of procedure regarding the organization of the work of the Main Committees.

28. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraphs 6 to 8 of its decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.15, annex VI), which read as follows:

> "6. Explanations of vote should be limited to ten minutes.
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> "7. When the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, i.e., either in the Committee or in plenary meeting, unless that delegation's vote in plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee.
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> "8. Delegations should exercise their right of reply at the end of the day whenever two meetings have been scheduled for that day and whenever such meetings are devoted to the consideration of the same item."

29. The Secretary-General wishes to suggest that, in line with time limits for explanations of vote and the right of reply, the General Committee recommend to the General Assembly that points of order be limited to five minutes.

30. With a view to streamlining the procedures of the General Assembly and as another cost-saving measure, the General Committee, in connection with the length of statements, may wish to draw the attention of the Assembly to paragraph 22 of the annex to resolution 51/241, which reads as follows:

> "22. Outside the general debate there shall be a fifteen-minute time limit in plenary meetings and in the Main Committees."

31. In this connection, the Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 51/241 (A/52/855), in particular to paragraph 23, which reads as follows:

> "23. *Paragraph 22.* Since in plenary meetings the length of statements in debates other than the general debate averages eight minutes, the General Assembly may wish to review the recommendation contained in paragraph 22."

32. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 17 of its decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.15, annex VI), which reads as follows:

> "17. To save time at the end of the session, the practice of making concluding statements in the General Assembly and its Main Committees should be dispensed with except for statements by the presiding officers."

I. Records of meetings

33. As at past sessions, during the fifty-seventh session verbatim records will continue to be provided for the plenary meetings of the General Assembly and the meetings of the First Committee, and summary records will be provided to the General Committee and the other Main Committees of the Assembly. In accordance with the recommendation of the Special Committee on the Rationalization of the Procedures and Organization of the General Assembly (A/520/Rev.15, annex V, para. 108 (b)), the General Committee may wish to recommend that the Assembly maintain for the fifty-seventh session the practice whereby the Special Political and

Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) may obtain, on specific request, transcriptions of the debates of some of its meetings, or portions thereof. Such transcriptions, which would not be part of the official records of the Committee, would be provided as the required services became available. Furthermore, the General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the Assembly to paragraphs 8 and 9 of its resolution 38/32 E of 25 November 1983, which read as follows:

> "8. *Decides* that the practice of reproducing statements in extenso as separate documents shall be discontinued for all its subsidiary organs that are entitled to summary records;
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> "9. *Decides further* that any exceptions to this rule may be made by the body concerned only if the statements are to serve as bases for discussion and if, after hearing a statement of the relevant financial implications, the body decides that one or more statements in extenso may be included in the summary record, or reproduced as separate documents or as annexes to authorized documents."

34. In this connection, the General Committee may also wish to recommend to the General Assembly that the practice not to reproduce in extenso statements made in a Main Committee should be maintained for the fifty-seventh session.

J. Resolutions

35. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 32 of its decision 34/401 (ibid., annex VI), which reads as follows:

> "32. Whenever possible, resolutions requesting the discussion of a question at a subsequent session should not call for the inclusion of a separate new item and such discussion should be held under the item under which the resolution was adopted."

36. The General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to recommendation 3 (f) of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts,[1] which reads as follows:

> "(f) Efforts should be made to reduce the number of resolutions adopted by the General Assembly. Resolutions should request reports of the Secretary-General only in cases where that would be indispensable for facilitating the implementation of these resolutions or the continued examination of the question."

37. The General Committee may further wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 1 of the annex to resolution 45/45 (A/520/Rev.15/Amend.1, annex VIII), which reads:

> "1. Without prejudice to Article 18 of the Charter of the United Nations and with a view to facilitating the work of the United Nations, including whenever possible, the adoption by the General Assembly of agreed texts of resolutions and decisions, informal consultations should be carried out with the widest possible participation of Member States."

K. Documentation

38. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 28 of its decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.15, annex VI), which reads as follows:

> "28. The General Assembly, including its Main Committees, should merely take note of those reports of the Secretary-General or subsidiary organs which do not require a decision by the Assembly and should neither debate nor adopt resolutions on them, unless specifically requested to do so by the Secretary-General or the organ concerned."

39. In this connection, the General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the annex to decision 55/488 of 7 September 2001, which reads as follows:

> "The General Assembly, while reaffirming paragraph 28 of annex VI to the rules of procedure of the Assembly, reiterates that the terms 'takes note of' and 'notes' are neutral terms that constitute neither approval nor disapproval".

40. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 6 of its resolution 48/264, which reads as follows:

> "6. *Emphasizes* that reports requested of the Secretary-General should be made available in all official languages in a timely manner in accordance with the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and the annexes thereto with a view to enabling delegations to consider the substance of such reports more thoroughly in advance of meetings."

41. The Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 2 of section III of resolution 56/242 of 24 December 2001, in which the Assembly reiterated its request to the Secretary-General to ensure that documentation is available in accordance with the six-week rule for the distribution of documents simultaneously in the six official languages of the General Assembly.

42. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 5 of its resolution 48/264, which reads as follows:

> "5. *Encourages* Member States to exercise restraint in making proposals requesting new reports of the Secretary-General, bearing in mind the desirability of reducing the number of such reports."

43 The General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 32 of the annex to resolution 51/241, which reads as follows:

> "32. The number of reports requested shall be rationalized where possible so as to permit more focused consideration of issues. All bodies shall exercise restraint in making proposals containing requests for new reports and should consider integrating, biennializing or triennializing the presentation of reports, bearing in mind paragraphs 6 and 7 of General Assembly resolution 50/206 C of 23 December 1995."

44. The General Committee may further wish to draw to the attention of the General Assembly that the need to take concrete action to implement paragraph 32 of the annex to resolution 51/241, including by requesting more integrated reports, was reiterated in paragraph 15 of the annex to resolution 55/285.

45. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 10 of the annex to resolution 45/45 (A/520/Rev.15/Amend.1, annex VIII), which reads:

> "10. Resolutions should request observations from States or reports by the Secretary-General insofar as they are likely to facilitate the implementation of the resolutions or the continued examination of the question."

46. In this connection, the General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 17 of the annex to resolution 55/285, which reads as follows:

> "17. Member States and entities of the United Nations system should make a serious effort to submit their replies and inputs to requests for information or views pursuant to resolutions of the General Assembly within the prescribed deadlines."

L. Questions related to the programme budget

47. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the Assembly to rule 153 of the rules of procedure, which reads as follows:

> "No resolution involving expenditure shall be recommended by a committee for approval by the General Assembly unless it is accompanied by an estimate of expenditures prepared by the Secretary-General. No resolution in respect of which expenditures are anticipated by the Secretary-General shall be voted by the General Assembly until the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (Fifth Committee) has had an opportunity of stating the effect of the proposal upon the budget estimates of the United Nations."

48. The General Committee may also wish to draw the Assembly's attention to paragraph 12 of its decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.15, annex VI), which reads as follows:

> "12. It is imperative that Main Committees should allow sufficient time for the preparation of the estimate of expenditures by the Secretariat and for its consideration by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee and that they should take this requirement into account when they adopt their programme of work."

49. Furthermore, the General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 6 of its resolution 35/10 A of 3 November 1980, which reads as follows:

> "6. *Decides* that all proposals affecting the schedule of conferences and meetings made at sessions of the General Assembly shall be reviewed by the Committee on Conferences when administrative implications are being considered under the requirements of rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly."

50. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to regulation 5.9 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (ST/SGB/2000/8; first adopted in resolution 37/234,

annex; most recently amended in section III of resolution 53/207), which reads as follows:

> "*Regulation 5.9*. No council, commission or other competent body shall take a decision involving either a change in the programme budget approved by the General Assembly or the possible requirement of expenditure unless it has received and taken account of a report from the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of the proposal."

51. The General Committee may also wish to recall paragraph 13 of decision 34/401 (ibid.), which reads as follows:

> "13. Furthermore:
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> "(a) A mandatory deadline, not later than 1 December, should be established for the submission to the Fifth Committee of all draft resolutions with financial implications;
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> "(b) The Fifth Committee should, as a general practice, consider accepting without debate the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the financial implications of draft resolutions up to a prescribed limit, namely, $25,000 on any one item;
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> "(c) Firm deadlines should be set for the early submission of the reports of subsidiary organs which require consideration by the Fifth Committee;
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> "(d) A minimum period of forty-eight hours should be allowed between the submission and the voting of a proposal involving expenditure in order to allow the Secretary-General to prepare and present the related statement of administrative and financial implications."

52. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to section VI of its resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990 on procedures for administrative and budgetary matters, which states that the Assembly:

> "1. *Reaffirms* that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters;
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> "2. *Reaffirms also* the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;
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> "3. *Expresses its concern* at the tendency of its substantive Committees and other intergovernmental bodies to involve themselves in administrative and budgetary matters;
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> "4. *Invites* the Secretary-General to provide all intergovernmental bodies with the required information regarding procedures for administrative and budgetary matters."

In its resolution 56/253 of 24 December 2001, the Assembly reaffirmed the provisions of the aforementioned resolution.

(See also section III.)

M. Observances and commemorative meetings

53. Observances and commemorative meetings held in plenary meetings have for the most part followed a well-defined pattern. Considering past practice, the General Committee may wish to recommend that, with the exception of the anniversary of the United Nations, the General Assembly adopt a format for commemorative meetings that includes statements by the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the chairmen of the five regional groups and the representative of the host country. The Committee may also wish to recommend to the Assembly that, according to established practice, each statement be limited to 15 minutes.

54. It is further suggested that observances and commemorative meetings take place, to the extent possible, immediately following the general debate. The advantage of such a procedure is that it may facilitate the participation of dignitaries attending the general debate. This procedure would also allow advance planning of the work of the General Assembly.

N. Special conferences

55. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to recommendation 6 of the Committee on Conferences,[2] adopted by the Assembly in paragraph (b) of its decision 34/405 of 1 November 1979. The recommendation reads as follows:

> "The Committee, taking into account difficulties encountered in ensuring adequate preparation of meetings, including timely distribution of documentation, as well as the ability of Member States to participate fully, recommends that the General Assembly should instruct the Main Committees to review the number of special conferences of the United Nations already proposed and scheduled in their respective fields of activity prior to deciding upon the scheduling of new and additional special conferences, thus bearing in mind the relevant portions of General Assembly resolution 33/55."

56. The General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to recommendation 2 (d) and to the relevant provisions of recommendation 4 of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts,[1] which read as follows:

> "(d) Until 1978, a number of resolutions had requested that only one major conference be scheduled annually. The decision of the General Assembly that no more than five special conferences should take place in a given year and that no more than one special conference should be convened at the same time should be strictly implemented."
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> "**Recommendation 4**
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> "The existing principle that United Nations bodies should meet at their respective established headquarters, as provided for in General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985, should be strictly enforced. Whenever

[2] Ibid., *Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 32* (A/34/32 and Corr.1).

the Assembly accepts an invitation from the Government of a Member State to hold a conference or meeting away from established headquarters, the additional cost should be borne in full by that Government. The methods of budgeting these costs should be improved so as to ensure that all additional costs are accounted for."

III. Observations on the organization of the work of the General Assembly

57. With regard to the general debate of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General wishes to bring to the attention of the General Committee the fact that in the recent past there were occasions when the dates of the general debate and the dates of other international conferences or high-level meetings coincided.

58. In this context, and in order to minimize the likelihood that other high-level events will overlap with the general debate, the General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly to fix a date for the opening and the duration of the general debate.

59. With reference to the suggestion that observances and commemorative meetings take place, to the extent possible, immediately following the general debate (see para. 54), the General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that in recent years, by decision of the Assembly, observances and commemorative meetings were held towards the end of the main part of the regular session, at a time when the General Assembly should be considering reports of the Main Committees and concluding all remaining work of the plenary before the December recess, thereby causing the postponement of the date of recess (see para. 17).

60. With regard to rule 153 of the rules of procedure on the financial implications of resolutions and to the decision of the General Assembly in paragraph 13 (d) of decision 34/401 which requires a minimum period of forty-eight hours before action is taken on a proposal so as to allow the Secretary-General to prepare the programme budget implications of drafts before the Assembly, the General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the Assembly that, sometimes, more than forty-eight hours are required for the Secretary-General to review the programme budget implications of proposals before the Assembly.

61. In addition, for those proposals involving programme budget implications, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee need adequate time to review the programme budget implications of a draft resolution before it can be acted on by the General Assembly.

62. With regard to rule 78 of the rules of procedure, which reads, inter alia, as follows:

> " ... As a general rule, no proposal shall be discussed or put to the vote at any meeting of the General Assembly unless copies of it have been circulated to all delegations not later than the day preceding the meeting. ...",

the General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the Assembly that in the recent past, on some occasions, proposals had to be submitted well in advance of

their consideration, in order to ensure implementation of rule 78 of the rules of procedure.

63. It is therefore advisable that Member States submit all proposals sufficiently in advance to avoid the postponement of action on proposals.

IV. Adoption of the agenda

64. All proposals for the inclusion of items in the agenda of the fifty-seventh session have been communicated to Member States in the following documents:

(a) Provisional agenda of the fifty-seventh regular session (A/57/150);

(b) Supplementary list (A/57/200).

65. The items proposed for inclusion are listed in the draft agenda, which appears in paragraph 72 below.

66. Bearing in mind the need to rationalize the General Assembly's procedures, and in view of the large number of items on the draft agenda, the Secretary-General wishes to recall the recommendation of the Special Committee on the Rationalization of the Procedures and Organization of the General Assembly that Member States examine the agenda with a view to eliminating items that have lost their urgency or relevance, are not ripe for consideration or could be dealt with and even disposed of equally well by subsidiary organs of the Assembly, and with a view also to referring specific items to other United Nations organs or specialized agencies, taking into account the nature of the question (A/520/Rev.15, annex V, paras. 19 and 22; see also ibid., annex VII, paras. 1 and 2). The Secretary-General wishes also to recall paragraphs 4 and 5 (a) and (c) of annex I to resolution 48/264, which read as follows:

> "4. There shall be periodic reviews of the agenda, taking into account the views of concerned Member States, in order to ascertain whether it is possible to delete any item on which no resolution or decision has been adopted for a period of time.
>
> "5. The Main Committees should be encouraged to continue with the review of their respective agendas, taking into account, inter alia, the following:
>
> "(a) Agenda items concerning issues of closely related substance could be merged within a single agenda title or be incorporated as sub-items where this is possible without loss of focus on the items/sub-items concerned;
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> ...
>
> "(c) Biennialization and triennialization of items on the agenda of the Main Committees could be considered in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly."

67. In the same context, the General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraphs 23 to 26 of the annex to resolution 51/241. In addition, bearing in mind the extremely heavy workload of the Assembly and the need to make the most effective use of scarce resources, the Committee may wish to consider deferring to a later session items for which decisions or action are not required at the present session.

68. Also in this connection, the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to paragraphs 3 to 6 and 8 of the annex to resolution 55/285, which read as follows:

> "3. All cooperation items shall be clustered under an item entitled 'Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations' and individual cooperation items shall become sub-items of that item.
>
> "4. Practical measures to implement the clustering shall be taken in September 2001 by the General Assembly in conjunction with the adoption of the agenda of its fifty-sixth session.
>
> "5. The cooperation item shall be biennialized, starting at the fifty-seventh session, and shall appear in the agenda of the General Assembly thereafter at odd-numbered sessions.
>
> "6. Pursuant to the above decision, the biennialization shall be reflected in each related resolution, starting at the fifty-sixth session, as appropriate.
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> ...
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> "8. Any resolution under individual sub-items shall remain separate."

69. Furthermore, the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to paragraph 10 of the annex to resolution 55/285, which reads as follows:

> "10. The following items shall be considered by the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session and thereafter biennially:
>
> "(a) 'Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic';
>
> "(b) 'Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies';
>
> "(c) 'United Nations reform: measures and proposals';
>
> "(d) 'The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti';
>
> "(e) 'Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields'."

70. In the same context, the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to decision 56/455 of 21 December 2001, in which the General Assembly decided to include the item entitled "Elimination of unilateral extraterritorial coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion" in the provisional agenda of the fifty-seventh session of the Assembly and to continue to consider the item at odd-numbered sessions.

71. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to decision 49/426 of 9 December 1994, whereby the General Assembly decided that the granting of observer status in the Assembly should in future be confined to States and to those intergovernmental organizations whose activities cover matters of interest to the Assembly. (See also paragraph 77.)

72. Subject to the recommendations of the General Committee regarding paragraphs 64 to 71 above, the draft agenda of the fifty-seventh session would consist of the following items:[3]

1. Opening of the session by the President of the General Assembly (P.1).
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation (P.2).
3. Credentials of representatives to the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly (P.3):
   (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
4. Election of the President of the General Assembly (P.4).
5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees (P.5).
6. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly (P.6).
7. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations (P.7).
8. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: reports of the General Committee (P.8).
9. General debate (P.9).
10. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (P.10).
11. Report of the Security Council (P.11).
12. Report of the Economic and Social Council (P.12).
13. Report of the International Court of Justice (P.13).
14. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (P.14).
15. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs (P.15):
   (a) Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council;
   (b) Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council;
   (c) Election of five members of the International Court of Justice.
16. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (P.16).
17. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments (P.17):
   (a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;
   (b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions;

[3] Abbreviations used in the present document:
(P): Item on the provisional agenda (A/57/150);
(S): Item on the supplementary list (A/57/200).

(c) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee;

(d) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal;

(e) International Civil Service Commission:

(i) Appointment of members of the Commission;

(ii) Designation of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Commission;

(f) Appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit;

(g) Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences;

(h) Confirmation of the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

(i) Confirmation of the appointment of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme.

18. Election of judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (P.18).

19. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (P.19).

20. Admission of new Members to the United Nations (P.20).

21. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (P.21):

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations;

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions;

(c) Assistance to the Palestinian people;

(d) Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan.

22. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations (P.22):

(a) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization;

(b) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization;

(c) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community;

(d) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe;

(e) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States;

(f) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization;

(g) Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie;

(h) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union;

(i) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System;

(j) Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States;

(k) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons;

(l) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe;

(m) Cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union;

(n) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States;

(o) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference;

(p) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum;

(q) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization;

(r) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community.

23. United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage (P.23).

24. Culture of peace (P.24).

25. Oceans and the law of the sea (P.25):

(a) Oceans and the law of the sea;

(b) Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas/illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments;

(c) Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks.

26. Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba (P.26).

27. The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict (P.27).

28. Assistance in mine action (P.28).

29. 2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, particularly in Africa (P.29).

30. The role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order (P.30).

31. Elimination of unilateral extraterritorial coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion (P.31).

32. Information and communication technologies for development (P.32).

33. Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa (P.33).

34. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina (P.34).

35. Question of Palestine (P.35).

36. The situation in the Middle East (P.36).

37. The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (P.37).

38. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development (P.38).

39. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) (P.39).

40. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters (P.40).[4]

41. Final review and appraisal of the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (P.41):

    (a) Final review and appraisal of the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s;

    (b) Implementation of the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa.

42. Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS (P.42).

43. Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children (P.43).

44. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit (P.44).

45. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (P.45).

46. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International

[4] This item remains on the agenda of the fifty-sixth session (decision 56/464 of 24 December 2001). Its inclusion in the draft agenda of the fifty-seventh session is subject to any action that the General Assembly may take on it at its fifty-sixth session.

Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (P.46).

47. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986 (P.47).

48. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security (P.48).

49. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait (P.49).

50. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations (P.50).

51. Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development (P.51).

52. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte (P.52).

53. Strengthening of the United Nations system (P.53).[4]

54. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (P.54).

55. Question of Cyprus (P.55). [5]

56. Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo (P.56).

57. Peace, security and reunification on the Korean peninsula (P.57).[5]

58. Reduction of military budgets (P.58).

59. Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament (P.59).

60. Question of Antarctica (P.60).

61. Maintenance of international security — good-neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe (P.61).

62. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security (P.62).

63. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament (P.63).

64. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East (P.64).

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[5] This item, which has not yet been considered by the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session, remains on the agenda of that session (decision 56/464 of 24 December 2001). Its inclusion in the draft agenda of the fifty-seventh session is subject to any action that the Assembly may take on it at its fifty-sixth session.

65. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons (P.65).

66. Prevention of an arms race in outer space (P.66).

67. General and complete disarmament (P.67):

(a) Notification of nuclear tests;

(b) Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: the need for a new agenda;

(c) United Nations study on disarmament and non-proliferation education;

(d) Measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol;

(e) Mongolia's international security and nuclear-weapon-free status;

(f) Preservation of and compliance with the Treaty on the Limitation of Anti-Ballistic Missile Systems;

(g) Missiles;

(h) Reducing nuclear danger;

(i) Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament;

(j) Relationship between disarmament and development;

(k) Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control;

(l) Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas;

(m) Regional disarmament;

(n) Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels;

(o) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction;

(p) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction;

(q) Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures;

(r) Transparency in armaments;

(s) Nuclear disarmament;

(t) Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*;

(u) Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and collecting them;

(v) The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects;

(w) Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia;

(x) United Nations conference to identify ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament.

68. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly (P.68):

(a) United Nations Disarmament Information Programme;

(b) United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services;

(c) Regional confidence-building measures: activities of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa;

(d) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons;

(e) United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament;

(f) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa;

(g) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

(h) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific.

69. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session (P.69):

(a) Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters;

(b) United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research;

(c) Report of the Disarmament Commission;

(d) Report of the Conference on Disarmament.

70. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East (P.70).

71. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (P.71).

72. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region (P.72).

73. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction (P.73).

74. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (P.74).

75. Effects of atomic radiation (P.75).

76. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space (P.76).

77. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (P.77).

78. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories (P.78).

79. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects (P.79).

80. Questions relating to information (P.80).

81. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations (P.81).

82. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories (P.82).

83. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (P.83).

84. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories (P.84).

85. Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India (P.85).

86. Macroeconomic policy questions (P.86):

    (a) International trade and development;

    (b) Commodities;

    (c) Science and technology for development;

    (d) External debt crisis and development;

    (e) International financial system and development;

    (f) Preparations for the International Ministerial Meeting on Transit Transport Cooperation.

87. Sectoral policy questions (P.87):

    (a) Industrial development cooperation;

    (b) Business and development;

    (c) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such funds to the countries of origin.

88. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation (P.88):

    (a) Implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade;

    (b) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy;

    (c) Culture and development;

    (d) High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership.

89. Environment and sustainable development (P.89):

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21;

(b) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction;

(c) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind;

(d) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa;

(e) Convention on Biological Diversity;

(f) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States.

90. Operational activities for development (P.90).

91. Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) (P.91).

92. Training and research (P.92):

(a) United Nations University;

(b) United Nations Institute for Training and Research.

93. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources (P.93).

94. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields (P.94).

95. High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development (P.95).

96. Globalization and interdependence (P.96).

97. Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and of the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly (P.97).

98. Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (P.98).

99. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (P.99).

100. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family (P.100).

101. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing (P.101).

102. Crime prevention and criminal justice (P.102).

103. International drug control (P.103).

104. Advancement of women (P.104).

105. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" (P.105).

106. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions (P.106).

107. Promotion and protection of the rights of children (P.107).

108. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (P.108).

109. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination (P.109):

(a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination;

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.

110. Right of peoples to self-determination (P.110).

111. Human rights questions (P.111):

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

112. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (P.112):

(a) United Nations;

(b) United Nations Development Programme;

(c) United Nations Children's Fund;

(d) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;

(e) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

(f) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

(g) Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme;

(h) United Nations Population Fund;

(i) United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation;

(j) Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme;

(k) United Nations Office for Project Services;

(l) International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991;

(m) International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994.

113. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations (P.113).

114. Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (P.114).

115. Programme planning (P.115).

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117. Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency (P.117).

118. Pattern of conferences (P.118).

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120. Human resources management (P.120).

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124. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (P.124).

125. Administration of justice at the United Nations (P.125).

126. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (P.126).

127. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (P.127).

128. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations (P.128).

129. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East (P.129):

(a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force;

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.

130. Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (P.130).

131. Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor and the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor (P.131).

132. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (P.132).

133. Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola (P.133).

134. Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991) (P.134):

(a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission;

(b) Other activities.

135. Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor (P.135).[5]

136. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (P.136).

137. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (P.137).

138. Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (P.138).[5]

139. Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force (P.139).

140. Financing and liquidation of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (P.140).[5]

141. Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters (P.141).

142. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II (P.142).[5]

143. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique (P.143).

144. Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (P.144).

145. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia (P.145).

146. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti (P.146).

147. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia (P.147).[5]

148. Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda (P.148).[5]

149. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (P.149).

150. Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group (P.150).

151. Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti (P.151).

152. Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic (P.152).[5]

153. Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (P.153).

154. Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts (P.154).

155. Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives (P.155).

156. Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property (P.156).

157. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-fifth session (P.157).

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159. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (P.159).

160. Establishment of the International Criminal Court (P.160).

161. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization (P.161).

162. Measures to eliminate international terrorism (P.162).

163. Scope of legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel (P.163).

164. International convention against the reproductive cloning of human beings (P.164).

165. Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly (P.165).

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167. Observer status for the Asian Development Bank in the General Assembly (P.167).

168. Observer status for the International Centre for Migration Policy Development in the General Assembly (P.168).

169. Question of the representation of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in the United Nations (S.1).

V. Allocation of items

73. The allocation of items described in paragraph 94 below is based on the pattern adopted by the General Assembly for those items in previous years. The Secretary-General trusts that delegations will consider allotting items in a manner that will

best enhance the effectiveness and the impact of the Assembly's work. In this connection, the General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the Assembly to paragraph 4 of its decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.15, annex VI), which reads as follows:

> "4. Substantive items should normally be discussed initially in a Main Committee and, therefore, items previously allocated to plenary meetings should henceforth be referred to a Main Committee unless there are compelling circumstances requiring their continued consideration in plenary meeting."

74. The General Committee may also wish to draw the Assembly's attention to paragraph 3 of annex I to resolution 48/264 on items initially considered directly in plenary meeting. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to the relevant paragraphs of resolution 39/88 B and resolution 45/45 (A/520/Rev.15 and Amend.1, annexes VII and VIII). Paragraph 5 of the annex to resolution 39/88 B reads as follows:

> "5. The Chairmen of the Main Committees should take the initiative, in the light of past experience, to propose the grouping of similar or related items and the holding of a single general debate on them."

Paragraph 6 of the annex to resolution 45/45 reads as follows:

> "6. In making recommendations as to how agenda items should be allocated to the Main Committees and the plenary of the General Assembly, the General Committee should ensure the best use of the expertise of the Committees."

75 In this connection, the Secretary-General also wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to paragraphs 2 and 5 (b) and (d) of annex I to resolution 48/264, which read as follows:

> "2. Agenda items which are of a nature that relates to more than one Main Committee or which do not come within the purview of any Main Committee should be considered by the General Assembly in plenary meeting, taking into account the recommendations of the General Committee.
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> "5. The Main Committees should be encouraged to continue with the review of their respective agendas, taking into account, inter alia, the following:
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> "(b) Items that cover related matters or issues could be considered in agreed clusters;
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> "(d) The existing broad division of work among the Main Committees should be maintained."

76. The Secretary-General also wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to paragraph 24 of the annex to resolution 51/241, which reads as follows:

"24. The General Assembly shall take further steps to rationalize and streamline the agenda ... and in particular shall make greater use of clustering, biennialization or triennialization of agenda items. Items that could be considered at a later session shall be identified, taking into account the priorities set by the medium-term plan."

77. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to paragraphs 2 and 3 of resolution 54/195 of 17 December 1999, which read as follows:

"2. *Decides also* that, in future, any request by an organization for the granting of observer status in the General Assembly will be considered in plenary session after the consideration of the issue by the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly;

"3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures to bring to the attention of all the States Members of the General Committee and General Assembly the criteria and procedures laid down by the General Assembly whenever a request is made by an organization seeking observer status in the General Assembly."

(See also paragraph 71.)

78. The following items of the draft agenda have not been considered previously by the General Assembly:

167. Observer status for the Asian Development Bank in the General Assembly (P.167).

168. Observer status for the International Centre for Migration Policy Development in the General Assembly (P.168).

169. Question of the representation of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in the United Nations (S.1).

79. In accordance with paragraph 2 of resolution 54/195, items 167 (Observer status for the Asian Development Bank in the General Assembly) and 168 (Observer status for the International Centre for Migration Policy Development in the General Assembly) should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

80. The sponsors of the request for the inclusion of item 169 have suggested that it be considered directly in plenary meeting.

81. With regard to *item 10* of the draft agenda (Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization), pursuant to paragraphs 4 and 10 of resolution 51/241 and as at previous sessions, the Secretary-General wishes to make a brief presentation of his annual report[6] as the first item in the morning prior to the opening of the general debate on Thursday, 12 September 2002.

82. In connection with *item 12* of the draft agenda (Report of the Economic and Social Council), the Secretary-General wishes to recall decision 56/402 A of 9 November 2001, in which the General Assembly decided to consider directly in

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plenary meeting the report of the Economic and Social Council as a whole. Taking into account the above and on the understanding that the administrative, programme and budgetary aspects should be dealt with by the Fifth Committee, the Secretary-General proposes that the various parts of the report[7] be also allocated to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee), the Second, the Third and the Fifth Committees as follows:

Chapter I	Matters calling for action by or brought to the attention of the General Assembly	Second, Third and Fifth Committees
Chapter II	Special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions	Second Committee
Chapter III	High-level segment	Second and Third Committees
Chapter IV	Operational activities segment	Second Committee
Chapter V	Coordination segment	Second and Third Committees
Chapter VII	General segment	
Section A	Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits	Second and Third Committees
Section B	Coordination, programme and other questions	Second, Third and Fifth Committees
Section C	Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B	Second, Third and Fifth Committees
Section D	Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations	Second Committee and Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)
Section E	Regional cooperation	Second Committee
Section F	Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan	Second Committee
Section G	Non-governmental organizations	Second Committee
Section H	Economic and environmental questions	Second Committee
Section I	Social and human rights questions	Third Committee
Chapter IX	Organizational matters	Second, Third and Fifth Committees

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83. With regard to *item 19* of the draft agenda (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples), the General Committee may wish to consider referring to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) chapters of the report of the Special Committee[8] relating to specific Territories; this would again enable the General Assembly to deal in plenary meetings with the question of the implementation of the Declaration as a whole.

84. With regard to *item* 22 (h) of the draft agenda (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union), the Secretary-General wishes to recall decision 56/425 of 12 December 2001, by which the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee, decided to defer further consideration of and a decision on the request for observer status for the Inter-Parliamentary Union in the Assembly until its fifty-seventh session. In the light of decision 56/425, the General Committee may wish to recommend that item 22 (h) also be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

85. With regard to *item 23* of the draft agenda (United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage), the Secretary-General wishes to recall paragraph 6 of resolution 56/8 of 21 November 2001, in which the General Assembly decided to devote one day of plenary meetings at the fifty-seventh session, on 4 December 2002, to mark the end of the United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage, and encouraged Member States and observers to be represented in those meetings at the highest level possible.

86. With regard to *item 25* of the draft agenda (Oceans and the law of the sea), the Secretary-General wishes to recall paragraph 53 of resolution 56/12 of 28 November 2001, in which the General Assembly decided to devote two days of plenary meetings at the fifty-seventh session, on 9 and 10 December 2002, to the consideration of the item entitled "Oceans and the law of the sea" and the commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the opening for signature of the Convention on the Law of the Sea, and encouraged Member States and observers to be represented at the highest possible level. (See also paragraph 17.)

87. With regard to *item 39* of the draft agenda (Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)), the Secretary-General wishes to remind the General Committee that at previous sessions the General Assembly has decided to consider this item directly in plenary meetings on the understanding that bodies and individuals having an interest in the question would be heard in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in conjunction with the consideration of the item in plenary meetings.

88. With regard to *item 41* of the draft agenda (Final review and appraisal of the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s), the Secretary-General wishes to recall paragraph 4 of resolution 56/218 of 21 December 2001, in which the General Assembly decided that a high-level plenary meeting of the Assembly should be held on 16 September 2002, to consider how to support the New Partnership for Africa's Development.

[8] To be issued as *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 23* (A/57/23).

89. With regard to *item 43* of the draft agenda (Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children), the Secretary-General wishes to recall that the General Assembly decided, in resolution 55/285, that the item entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly" be allocated to the Third Committee. In line with that decision, it is suggested that *item* 43 be allocated to the Third Committee.

90. With regard to *item 55* of the draft agenda (Question of Cyprus), the General Committee will recall that at its forty-second session[9] the General Assembly decided to consider this item directly in plenary meetings, on the understanding that it would, when considering the item, invite the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) to meet for the purpose of affording representatives of the Cypriot communities an opportunity to take the floor in the Committee in order to express their views, and that the Assembly would then resume its consideration of the item, taking into account the report of the Committee.

91. In connection with *item 67* of the draft agenda (General and complete disarmament), the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to the fact that some portions of the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (see A/57/278), which is to be considered directly in plenary meetings under item 14, deal with the subject matter of this item. The General Committee may therefore wish to recommend that the relevant paragraphs of the report be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of item 67.

92. In connection with *item 100* of the draft agenda (Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family), the Secretary-General wishes to recall paragraph 9 of resolution 56/38 of 5 December 2001 and decision 56/473 of 27 June 2002, in which the General Assembly decided that on 26 November 2002, two plenary meetings of the fifty-seventh session should be devoted to the outcome of the International Year of Volunteers and its follow-up.

93. In connection with *item 104* of the draft agenda (Advancement of women), the Secretary-General wishes to recall paragraph 16 of the annex to resolution 39/125 of 14 December 1984 concerning the United Nations Development Fund for Women, which reads as follows:

> "16. Taking into account the advice of the Consultative Committee, the Administrator shall submit to the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme an annual report on the operations, management and budget of the Fund. He shall submit a similar report to the General Assembly, to be referred to the Second Committee for consideration of its technical cooperation aspects and also to the Third Committee."

The General Committee may therefore wish to recommend that the report be referred to the Second Committee for consideration under item 90 of the draft agenda (Operational activities for development).

[9] This item has not been considered since the thirty-seventh session.

94. Subject to changes that may be made by the General Committee in the light of paragraphs 73 to 93 above, the allocation of the items of the draft agenda, as based on previous practice, would be as follows:

Plenary meetings

1. Opening of the session by the President of the General Assembly (P.1).
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation (P.2).
3. Credentials of representatives to the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly (P.3):
   (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
4. Election of the President of the General Assembly (P.4).
5. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly (P.6).
6. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations (P.7).
7. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: reports of the General Committee (P.8).
8. General debate (P.9).
9. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (P.10) (see para. 81).
10. Report of the Security Council (P.11).
11. Report of the Economic and Social Council (P.12).[10]
12. Report of the International Court of Justice (P.13).
13. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (P.14) (see para. 91).
14. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs (P.15):
   (a) Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council;
   (b) Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council;
   (c) Election of a member of the International Court of Justice.
15. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (P.16).

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[10] The chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council listed below would be referred also to Main Committees as follows (for further details, see para. 82):

(a) Chapters I, VII (sections B and C) and IX.....Second, Third and Fifth Committees
(b) Chapters II, IV and VII (sections E to H).....Second Committee
(c) Chapters III, V and VII (section A).....Second and Third Committees
(d) Chapter VII (section D).....Second Committee and Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)
(e) Chapter VII (section I).....Third Committee

16. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments (P.17):[11]

    (f) Appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit;

    (g) Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences;

    (h) Confirmation of the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

    (i) Confirmation of the appointment of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme.

17. Election of judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (P.18).

18. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (P.19) (see para. 83).

19. Admission of new Members to the United Nations (P.20).

20. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (P.21):

    (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations;

    (b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions;

    (c) Assistance to the Palestinian people;

    (d) Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan.

21. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations (P.22) (see paras. 11 and 68):

    (a) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization;

    (b) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization;

    (c) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community;

    (d) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe;

    (e) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States;

    (f) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization;

[11] For sub-items (a) to (e), see "Fifth Committee", item 44.

(g) Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie;

(h) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union;

(i) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System;

(j) Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States;

(k) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons;

(l) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe;

(m) Cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union;

(n) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States;

(o) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference;

(p) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum;

(q) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization;

(r) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community.

22. United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage (P.23) (see para. 85).

23. Culture of peace (P.24).

24. Oceans and the law of the sea (P.25) (see para. 86):

(a) Oceans and the law of the sea;

(b) Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas/illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments;

(c) Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks.

25. Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba (P.26).

26. The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict (P.27).

27. Assistance in mine action (P.28).

28. 2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, particularly in Africa (P.29).

29. The role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order (P.30).

30. Elimination of unilateral extraterritorial coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion (P.31) (see para. 70).

31. Information and communication technologies for development (P.32).

32. Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa (P.33).

33. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina (P.34).

34. Question of Palestine (P.35).

35. The situation in the Middle East (P.36).

36. The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (P.37).

37. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development (P.38).

38. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) (P.39) (see para. 87).

39. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters (P.40).

40. Final review and appraisal of the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (P.41) (see para. 88):

    (a) Final review and appraisal of the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s;

    (b) Implementation of the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa.

41. Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS (P.42).

42. Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children (P.43).

43. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit (P.44).

44. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (P.45).

45. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (P.46).

46. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986 (P.47).

47. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security (P.48).

48. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait (P.49).

49. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations (P.50).

50. Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development (P.51).

51. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte (P.52).

52. Strengthening of the United Nations system (P.53).

53. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (P.54).

54. Question of Cyprus (P.55) (see para. 90).

55. Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo (P.56).

56. Peace, security and reunification on the Korean peninsula (P.57).

57. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family (P.100) (see para. 92).

First Committee

1. Reduction of military budgets (P.58).

2. Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament (P.59).

3. Question of Antarctica (P.60).

4. Maintenance of international security — good-neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe (P.61).

5. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security (P.62).

6. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament (P.63).

7. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East (P.64).

8. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons (P.65).

9. Prevention of an arms race in outer space (P.66).

10. General and complete disarmament (P.67) (see para. 91):

    (a) Notification of nuclear tests;

    (b) Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: the need for a new agenda;

    (c) United Nations study on disarmament and non-proliferation education;

(d) Measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol;

(e) Mongolia's international security and nuclear-weapon-free status;

(f) Preservation of and compliance with the Treaty on the Limitation of Anti-Ballistic Missile Systems;

(g) Missiles;

(h) Reducing nuclear danger;

(i) Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament;

(j) Relationship between disarmament and development;

(k) Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control;

(l) Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas;

(m) Regional disarmament;

(n) Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels;

(o) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction;

(p) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction;

(q) Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures;

(r) Transparency in armaments;

(s) Nuclear disarmament;

(t) Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*;

(u) Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and collecting them;

(v) The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects;

(w) Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia;

(x) United Nations conference to identify ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament.

11. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly (P.68):

(a) United Nations Disarmament Information Programme;

(b) United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services;

(c) Regional confidence-building measures: activities of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa;

(d) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons;

(e) United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament;

(f) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa;

(g) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

(h) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific.

12. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session (P.69):

(a) Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters;

(b) United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research;

(c) Report of the Disarmament Commission;

(d) Report of the Conference on Disarmament.

13. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East (P.70).

14. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (P.71).

15. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region (P.72).

16. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction (P.73).

17. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (P.74).

18. Election of the officers of the Main Committees (P.5) (see para. 26).

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1. Effects of atomic radiation (P.75).

2. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space (P.76).

3. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (P.77).

4. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories (P.78).

5. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects (P.79).

6. Questions relating to information (P.80).

7. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations (P.81).

8. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories (P.82).

9. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (P.83).

10. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapter VII, section D) (P.12) (for further details, see para. 82).

11. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories (P.84).

12. Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India (P.85).

13. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (P.19) (see para. 83).

14. Election of the officers of the Main Committees (P.5) (see para. 26).

Second Committee

1. Macroeconomic policy questions (P.86):
   (a) International trade and development;
   (b) Commodities;
   (c) Science and technology for development;
   (d) External debt crisis and development;
   (e) International financial system and development;
   (f) Preparations for the International Ministerial Meeting on Transit Transport Cooperation.

2. Sectoral policy questions (P.87):
   (a) Industrial development cooperation;
   (b) Business and development;
   (c) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such funds to the countries of origin.

3. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation (P.88):
   (a) Implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade;
   (b) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy;
   (c) Culture and development;
   (d) High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership.

4. Environment and sustainable development (P.89):

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21;

(b) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction;

(c) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind;

(d) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa;

(e) Convention on Biological Diversity;

(f) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States.

5. Operational activities for development (P.90) (see para. 93).

6. Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) (P.91).

7. Training and research (P.92):

(a) United Nations University;

(b) United Nations Institute for Training and Research.

8. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources (P.93).

9. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields (P.94).

10. High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development (P.95).

11. Globalization and interdependence (P.96).

12. Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and of the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly (P.97).

13. Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (P.98).

14. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters I to V, chapter VII, sections A to H, and chapter IX) (P.12).[12]

15. Election of the officers of the Main Committees (P.5) (see para. 26).

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[12] The chapters of the report listed below would be referred also to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) and to the Third and Fifth Committees, as follows (for further details, see para. 82):

(a) Chapters I, VII (sections B and C) and IX.....Third and Fifth Committees

(b) Chapters III, V and VII (section A).....Third Committee

(c) Chapter VII (section D).....Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

Third Committee

1. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (P.99).
2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family (P.100) (see para. 92).
3. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing (P.101).
4. Crime prevention and criminal justice (P.102).
5. International drug control (P.103).
6. Advancement of women (P.104) (see para. 93).
7. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" (P.105).
8. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions (P.106).
9. Promotion and protection of the rights of children (P.107).
10. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (P.108).
11. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination (P.109):
    (a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination;
    (b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.
12. Right of peoples to self-determination (P.110).
13. Human rights questions (P.111):
    (a) Implementation of human rights instruments;
    (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;
    (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;
    (d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;
    (e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

14. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters I and III to V, chapter VII, sections A to C and I, and chapter IX) (P.12).[13]

15. Election of the officers of the Main Committees (P.5) (see para. 26).

Fifth Committee

1. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (P.112):

   (a) United Nations;

   (b) United Nations Development Programme;

   (c) United Nations Children's Fund;

   (d) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;

   (e) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

   (f) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

   (g) Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme;

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   (k) United Nations Office for Project Services;

   (l) International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991;

   (m) International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994.

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